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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is the patent application of Tianqing He, Ali Regimand, Lawrence James, and Peter Muse, individuals and United States Citizens for a Device and Methods for Rapid Drying of Porous Materials. Mr. He, Mr. Regimand, Mr. James, and Mr. Muse are individuals and qualify for small entity status and hereby request small entity status for payment of reduced fees. Enclosed in this package are:

- (a) A specification of 24 pages;
- (b) 43 claims including 2 independent claims;
- (c) Formal drawings consisting of 4 pages;
- (d) A PTO Form 1449, an Information Disclosure Statement of 2 pages and copies of 10 references.
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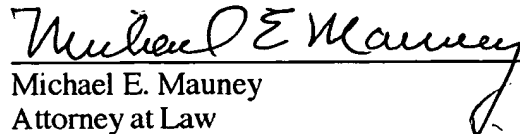
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This the 15 day of Nov, 2003.

  
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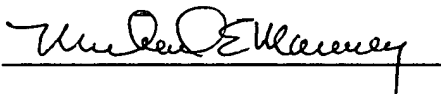
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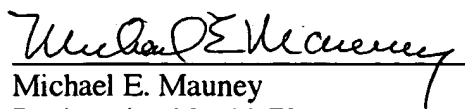
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